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Subject: Quarters and Cost of Living Allowance for

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1. Attached hereto is memorandum to you from Chief, Special Funds Section concerning the above subject. It is pointed out that [REDACTED] has claimed full quarters and cost of living allowance from CIC at her station in [REDACTED]. It appears that Miss [REDACTED] is living in the same quarters with her father [REDACTED]. Miss [REDACTED] attitude is pointed out in paragraph 3 of the memorandum from

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2. Bureau of the Budget Circular A-8 provides that cost of living allowances may be authorized by the head of the department concerned and that employees may be excluded from receiving such allowances where it is determined by the head of the department that no higher costs for subsistence, services, commodities, and other living expenses are occasioned by their assignment in a foreign country. On the basis of such regulations, the memorandum of 24 January 1947 was prepared and signed by the Executive Officer for Special Operations, to whom the Director had delegated authority to authorize payment of L&Q. Certain situations were outlined for the guidance of Special Funds Section where cost of living and quarters allowance would not be paid. That memorandum specifically provides that where a daughter of a man in the military shares the same quarters with her father, the employee will not be entitled to cost of living or quarters allowance.

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5. Although Miss [REDACTED] has not received quarters allowance, she has been paid cost of living allowance through 28 June. There exists a legal authority for AFSC or the Executive Officer for Special Operations to authorize either cost of living allowance or quarters allowance, or both, or to deny payment of either or both. Therefore, the problem presented is that for administrative determination of whether the employee is ineligible for such allowances because no higher costs are occasioned by her assignment in a foreign country. It would seem obvious that no quarters allowance

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should be authorized, since Miss [redacted] shares quarters with her father who is provided a rental allowance by the United States Government. The question of cost of living allowance is not entirely clear, since it is not known whether

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[redacted] is occasioned higher costs for subsistence, services, commodities, and other living expenses. There

is for consideration the fact that her father is [redacted]

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[redacted] and, probably, Miss [redacted] receives the ad-

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vantage of dealing at whatever [redacted] stores are available in the area. In view of the above factors, there would be no legal objection to your approval or disapproval of

payment of cost of living allowance to Miss [redacted]. We

feel that this question is purely a matter of administrative determination.

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